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SUBJECT: BUS STRIKE

1. A BUS STRIKE HAS BROKEN OUT IN QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL FOLLOWING THE GOE'S DECISION TO PERMIT A BUS FARE INCREASE FROM ONE SUCRE (APPROXIMATELY 4 US CENTS) TO 1.2 SUCRES, RATHER THAN TO THE TWO SUCRES DEMANDED BY BUS OWNER COOPERATIVES AND UNIONS. GUAYAQUIL HAS BEEN WITHOUT BUS SERVICE FOR TWO DAYS AND THE STRIKE BEGAN IN QUITO THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME BUSES ARE RUNNING IN BOTH CITIES, THE STRIKE SEEMS GENERALLY EFFECTIVE. GUAYAQUIL BUS OPERATORS UNILATERALLY RAISED THE FARE TO TWO SUCRES IN SPITE OF THE GOE'S DECISION AND A NUMBER OF BUSES HAVE BEEN STONED BY IRATE PASSENGERS.

3. STUDENT AND UNION ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CONDEMNED BOTH THE GOE AUTHORIZED INCREASE AND THE OPERATOR'S INSISTENCE
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ON A GREATER FARE HIKE. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE RUMORED IN QUITO.

4. THE BASIC ONE SUCRE FARE HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 20 YEARS AND THE 1.2 SUCRE RAISE AUTHORIZED BY THE GOE IS WHAT THE OPERATORS STRUCK FOR TWO YEARS AGO.

5. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS CALM IN BOTH GUAYAQUIL
AND QUITO AT THE MOMENT, TRANSPORTATION STRIKES IN ECUADOR
HAVE TRADITIONALLY HELD GREAT POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC
MISCHIEF. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAUFFEURS'
FEDERATION IS MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT
THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 15. THE POTENTIAL DURATION
OF THIS STRIKE AND ITS POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE
CLEARER FOLLOWING THAT MEETING.
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